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The policies and procedures included in this manual are not all-inclusive. They are intended to be used as aids in the daily operation and administration of the Trust Fund.

All references to Trust Fund are to the Underground and/or the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank Release Trust Funds.

Unless noted otherwise, all references to KDHE are to the Trust Fund Staff.

All references to owner/operator (o/o) are to the tank owner and/or operator who applied to the respective Trust Fund, and is not necessarily the current owner or operator.

All references to consultant(s) are to the firm(s) that participates in the Trust Fund Bidding process with the intent to enter into a contract with the owner/operator of a site to conduct an approved scope of work.

Bid types and their abbreviations referenced in this manual are:

DO - Dig out

LSA - Limited Site Assessment

MON - Monitoring

OMM - Remediation System Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring

RBC - Risk Based Correction Action

RDIP - Remedial Design Implementation Plan

RDP - Remedial Design Plan

SR - Soil Removal

SRP - Site Remediation Plan Implementation

SSA - Combination Site Investigation and Remedial Design Plan, could also include Site Remediation Plan Implementation.

KDHE is not the client for any Trust Fund scope of work. The contract is between the owner/operator and the consultant. All correspondence must indicate that the owner/operator is the client.

SECTION 2

BID ELIGIBILITY

FIRST TIME BIDDERS

Consultants must successfully complete one scope of work before they are eligible to participate in additional bids of that same type.

For example, once a consultant has signed a contract with an owner/operator for a LSA scope of work, they will not be considered eligible for additional LSA bids until they have successfully completed one LSA. The same requirement applies to all other types of work (LSA - SSA - RDP - RBC - RDIP - SRP).

If a consultant is awarded a contract for more than one site from a multiple site bid, they only need to complete one site and be current on all other sites within the package in order to be considered eligible to participate in similar type bids.

The intent is to ensure that consultants are familiar with the requirements of Trust Fund projects before committing to additional contracts.

LSA

A Limited Site Assessment is complete when the KDHE Trust Fund Project Manager has approved the Final Report.

RDP and SSA/RDP

Remedial design projects are complete when the Trust Fund Project Manager has approved the Remedial Design Plans.

RBC

Kansas Risk Based Corrective Action projects are complete when the RBCA report has been approved.

SRP and RDIP

Implementation projects are complete when the remedial systems have been installed and successfully operated for 30 days. To be eligible for future SRP or ReDIP bids, the consultant must submit written notification to Trust Fund Staff indicating the system has been installed and successfully operated for at least thirty days.

If a remedial system has been installed but is not operational due to design deficiencies that are not the fault of the consultant, the thirty-day operational requirement may be waived by the KDHE Remedial Unit Chief upon receipt of documentation of the deficiency. If the thirty-day period is waived, the consultant may participate in additional SRP or ReDIP bids.

DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

DUE DATES

Within each Trust Fund project, deadlines are established for submission of plans, reports, and certain work operations. If a report or plan is not received or the work operation is not completed by the established due date, the consultant will be ineligible to contract on any future Trust Fund projects until the delinquent document has been submitted to Trust Fund Staff and approved or the work operation has been completed and approved.

When reports and plans are received, the project manager performs a preliminary review within five working days of receipt. Reports which are missing any of the basic required elements such as maps, figures, report sections or that do not meet minimum standards of professionalism will be returned without having satisfied the deadline.

After regaining bidding eligibility, such a consultant will be treated as a "First Time Bidder" and will need to successfully complete one new project before being eligible to participate in additional bids of the same type. (See also "REINSTATEMENT OF BIDDERS".)

KDHE will provide occasional project status reports to consultants with active Trust Fund projects. These reports are intended to assist the consultant in tracking their sites; however, the consultant is still responsible for maintaining their own project tracking method and ensuring that due dates are met.

POOR PERFORMANCE

Poor performance can result in consultants being disqualified. Many of these problems seem insignificant when viewed individually, but over extended time periods result in significant loss of resources due to ongoing problems with performance of the projects according to bid specifications. Consultants who consistently take short cuts with the work create considerable additional workload for the KDHE staff that reviews the reports and fieldwork.

Reports are managed according to the following process:

The KDHE project manager reviews reports within five working days to determine if the reports are basically complete. If not complete, reports will be rejected without a complete review.

Reports will be reviewed and comments will be transmitted to consultants within sixty days of receipt. The comments will explain what portions of the RFP were not satisfied. The consultant will have thirty days to provide the corrections to the original report. If all of the requirements are not satisfied by the end of the thirty-day period, the consultant will be disqualified until the requirements of the RFP are completed and approved. Deadline extensions will not be provided each time the consultant submits another draft of the report for review.

Consultants who consistently make the same errors will be provided warning letters regarding their poor performance and the potential for their disqualification. If the problems persist after sufficient notice, the firm may be disqualified. The following are some of the issues which may result in a consultant being disqualified:

A. Technical Problems

1. Constructing wells improperly.
2. Placing groundwater probes, wells, and borings in locations that, based on previously collected data, would not be expected to provide useful or valid information.

3. Failure to place initial groundwater probes and borings in locations that will provide the information necessary to determine the most appropriate locations for subsequent wells.
4. Submitting inaccurate design calculations.
5. Conducting and/or analyzing pilot tests improperly.
6. Submitting design drawings and specifications that do not allow for an easy determination of all equipment and materials necessary to construct and operate a remedial system.
7. Submitting as-built reports and/or OMM reports that demonstrate the consultant does not understand how the system is operating. Some examples are: failing to indicate that the system is not operating as designed, failing to properly calculate or measure process flow rates, and failing to identify incipient problems from available data before they become critical and require replacement of materials or equipment.
8. Failure to follow acceptable sampling methods and sample handling procedures that are standard acceptable business practices approved by EPA and KDHE or as specified in the appropriate RFP.

B. Scheduling and Notification Problems - Deadlines -

1. Conducting off-site work without obtaining property access, in writing, from the property owner or their designated agent.
2. Conducting field activities without notifying the Trust Fund Project Manager and the KDHE district office.
3. Failing to notify the owner/operator and the current property tenant of site visits and/or site work.
4. Failing to communicate with the owner/operator and the property tenant regarding the location of the wells and equipment.

C. Billing Problems

1. Using personnel that have not established minimum qualifications with KDHE. This includes using personnel with expired OSHA certification and project geologists that have not been certified or approved by KDHE.
2. Failing to restore damaged property.
3. Submitting unnecessary change orders which result in delay of work.
4. Submitting incorrect information regarding work performed. This includes verbal communication, incorrect invoices, and/or incorrect data in reports.
5. Failing to follow line item bid costs when submitting costs for additional work, resulting in unnecessary and time-consuming negotiations, telephone conversations, etc.

D. Other

Any action which might endanger the project or the image of the Trust Fund program.

FAILURE TO ESTABLISH OR MAINTAIN QUALIFICATIONS

Consultants are required to provide evidence of minimum qualifications as outlined in the respective Request for Proposal (RFP) package. It is their responsibility to maintain current documentation of their qualifications by providing the Trust Fund Staff with timely updates. The RFP associated with the bid provides detail of the documentation required for that particular bid.

Establishing Minimum Qualifications:

Consultants must submit documentation establishing their qualifications prior to or with their first proposal. If the bid evaluation indicates a consultant's submission could be approved but the consultant does not meet minimum qualifications, the consultant will be allowed two weeks from the bid-closing deadline to establish their qualifications. If the consultant is unable to establish minimum qualification, their submittal will be disqualified. Future proposals from said consultant will not be considered until all required documentation has been submitted and the consultant has demonstrated that they meet the minimum requirements.

Maintaining Minimum Qualifications:

Consultants under contract with owner/operators and currently performing approved corrective action work on any Trust Fund site are responsible for maintaining their minimum eligibility criteria with the Trust Fund Staff.

Once it is determined that a consultant is ineligible because they no longer meet minimum requirements, they must come into compliance in time to complete work by the established deadlines or risk disqualification. If compliance is not obtained and the work is not complete within sixty days after the due date, KDHE will recommend the O/O make a claim under the Professional Liability Insurance and complete the work by one of the following methods:

1. Contract with the consultant that submitted the second lowest bid
2. Bid the remaining work

Owner/operators are not eligible for reimbursement for any corrective action work performed by consultants not meeting minimum Trust Fund eligibility criteria.

REINSTATEMENT OF BIDDERS

Consultants who have been deemed ineligible to bid on Trust Fund work as a result of unsatisfactory performance may be permitted to resume bidding after all unsatisfactory items have been resolved. In order to contract on a project, the bid must have closed after the consultant became eligible.

The consultant may be requested to submit evidence demonstrating that their ability to successfully meet the requirements of the work scope has improved. The nature of this evidence will depend on the type of performance problem that led to their ineligibility. Some examples are:

1. Documentation of replacement of poor performing equipment or personnel
2. Written comments on recent performance from clients, adjacent landowners, or local government officials
3. Documentation that unsatisfactory subcontractors have been replaced
4. Documentation of staff training in relevant areas

Once the consultant has re-established eligibility, they will be treated as a "First Time Bidder" and will need to successfully complete one new project before being eligible to participate in additional bids of the same type. Completion of projects already under contract at the time the consultant re-established eligibility would not satisfy this requirement.

OBTAINING TRUST FUND BID OPENING LISTS

Consultants may receive the KDHE BID OPENING LIST by submitting a written request to the Contractual Services Unit of the Trust Fund staff. The request should include the following:

1. Company name
2. Mailing address
3. Contact person
4. Telephone number
5. Fax number - if applicable

The request is to be sent to the following address:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
BER - Storage Tank Section
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 410
Topeka, KS 66612-1367

or fax a request to:
785-296-6190

KDHE occasionally purges the list of prospective bidders. KDHE will notify all consultants receiving the list that their company will be deleted unless a written request that their name be retained is received within 30 days.

NOTIFICATION OF PENDING BIDS

The KDHE BID OPENING is faxed or e-mailed to all vendors on the prospective bidder list during the night (Thursday PM/Friday AM) prior to the Bid Open Date. The following workday, KDHE reviews the fax/e-mail transmission log to identify any consultants who did not receive a notice. KDHE will make another attempt to fax/e-mail the notice. If this fax/e-mail attempt fails, the notice will be mailed to the address provided by the consultant.

Vendors on the prospective bidder list without fax/e-mail numbers will be sent the Bid Opening List via first class mail on the following workday.

NO BID ASSISTANCE

KDHE offers a bid assistance program for those who prefer to have KDHE obtain bids for them. Owner/operators who prefer to retain responsibility for obtaining bids and decline bid assistance will be provided with the corrective action plan(s) and instructions for obtaining bids. Bids must be obtained from at least three consultants who fulfill the minimum criteria to perform corrective action work on Trust Fund sites.

Trust Fund Staff will establish a deadline for receiving bids. This time frame will normally be five weeks, which is one week more than the standard Bid Assistance program.

Information pertaining to no bid assistance sites will not be available from KDHE until after the owner/operator has been informed of the approved amount.

It is the responsibility of the owner/operator to have at least three sealed bids from qualified consultants delivered to the Trust Fund Contractual Unit Staff on or before the bid deadline.

The owner/operator may be permitted a two week extension on the bid deadline if a written request stating adequate reason(s) for the requested extension is received and approved by the Trust Fund Staff prior to the first bid deadline.

OWNER/OPERATOR UNABLE TO OBTAIN MINIMUM NUMBER OF BIDS

If the owner/operator is unable to secure a minimum of three bids within the time frame allowed or the bids received are not reasonable and customary, the owner/operator may apply for Bid Assistance from the Trust Fund Staff. In this instance, a written offer for Bid Assistance from the Trust Fund Staff will be mailed to the owner/operator via Certified Mail. The owner/operator will be permitted ten workdays to sign and return the Bid Assistance request.

After a Bid Assistance request is received, the Trust Fund Staff will, on a timely basis, secure a minimum of three competitive bids from consultants who fulfill the minimum criteria to perform corrective action work on Trust Fund sites. The Trust Fund Staff will evaluate the bids and approve an amount for the corrective action plan. The established corrective action process will continue from this point.

Owner/operators who are unable or unwilling to obtain the minimum three bids, and who refuse to participate in the bid assistance program, may be denied access to the Trust Fund. If Trust Fund access is denied, the owner/operator will be required to perform corrective action using their own resources.

65-34,118.(b) If the owner or operator is unable or unwilling to perform corrective action as provided for in subsection (a) or no owner operator can be found, the secretary may undertake appropriate corrective action utilizing funds from the underground fund, if the release was from an underground petroleum storage tank, or from the aboveground fund, if the release was from an aboveground petroleum storage tank. Costs incurred by the secretary in taking corrective action, including administrative and legal expenses, are recoverable from the owner or operator and may be recovered in a civil action in district court brought by the secretary. Corrective action costs recovered under this section shall be deposited in the underground fund, if the release was from an underground petroleum storage tank, or in the aboveground fund, if the release was from an aboveground petroleum storage tank. Corrective action taken by the secretary under this subsection need not be completed in order to seek recovery of corrective action costs, and an action to recover such costs may be commenced at any stage of corrective action.

OBTAINING BID PACKAGES

To obtain a KDHE BID PACKAGE:

1. Circle the bid number(s) desired on the Bid List.
2. On the bottom of the Bid List Sheet, indicate the following:
 - a. Company Name (clearly printed or typed)
 - b. Name of person requesting bid (clearly printed or typed)
 - c. Signature of person requesting bid
3. Mail or fax the completed request to KDHE at:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
BER - Storage Tank Section
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 410
TOPEKA KS 66612-1367

Fax Number:
785-296-6190

PAYMENT FOR BID PACKAGES

The cost of each bid package is indicated on the bid notice. A cost statement is included with the bid package material and must be returned with the payment. Consultants who have not paid for requested bid packages within a 45 day time period will not be eligible to receive any bid packages or bid information until all past due statements are paid. Any requests received by KDHE while the consultant was ineligible will have to be resubmitted once KDHE has received payment.

RETURNED BID PACKAGES

If a consultant returns bid packages to KDHE, the consultant retains responsibility for payment of the bid packages. KDHE will keep the bid packages and any future requests by the consultant will not be honored until payment is received by the Contractual Services Unit.

RECEIPT OF BIDS

Bids must be received on or before 3:00 PM on the due date. Bids must be:

1. Addressed as specified in the request for proposal.
2. Sealed in an envelope, clearly marked "SEALED BID", and labeled with the KDHE Bid Number.

All sealed bids will immediately be placed in a locked file until the bids are processed.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL BY CONTRACTOR

Prior to Bid Deadline:

A consultant may withdraw a proposal prior to the scheduled bid-closing deadline by providing a written request to the Trust Fund Staff via mail, fax, or e-mail. Withdrawn proposals will be returned unopened to the consultant upon written request.

AFTER BID DEADLINE:

The Trust Fund Staff may allow a consultant to withdraw their proposal after the bid closing deadline if, in the opinion of the Trust Fund Staff, there are obvious omissions and/or mistakes that cannot be absorbed in the proposed total project cost, and approval of the proposal as submitted would not be in the best interest of the owner/operator and the people of the State of Kansas.

AFTER BID APPROVAL:

A proposal cannot be withdrawn after it has been approved.

OMISSIONS FROM BID PROPOSAL BY THE CONSULTANT

In the event an omission or major error is made by the bidder in the proposal, and the error is not discovered until after the bid is closed, the consultant may agree to complete the full scope of work for an amount not to exceed the proposed total project cost. If the consultant is willing to do the work for the proposed amount, a written and signed statement of agreement from the consultant must be submitted to KDHE within one work day.

(See also "Withdrawal of Proposal by Contractor" - "After Bid Deadline")

PROPOSAL DOES NOT FOLLOW THE SCOPE OF WORK ON THE BID PROPOSAL SHEETS

Any proposal that alters the scope of work specified on any project bid proposal sheet without specific prior written approval from the Trust Fund Staff will be disqualified.

Any qualifying statements and/or *caveats* in a cover letter accompanying a proposal and/or added to the project bid proposal sheets altering the specified scope of work will disqualify a proposal.

Consultants will be notified in writing of the reason for disqualification.

MATH ERRORS ON PROPOSALS

The consultant is responsible for any mathematical errors and/or incorrect extension of any calculations in the consultant's line item price quotes. In the case of discrepancies, the proposed unit cost will be multiplied by the units provided to obtain a revised total cost - or the total line cost will be divided by the units to determine the unit rate and the submitted total line will be used. The method resulting in the lowest total amount will be used in the evaluation of the proposal.

If there is an error on a proposal sheet and the corrected total is the lowest proposal, the percent difference between the corrected total and the total of the next highest proposal will be calculated. If this difference is equal to or less than five percent or \$5,000 - whichever is the least, the proposal in error will be disqualified. If the percent difference is greater than five percent or \$5,000 - whichever is the least, the proposal will not be disqualified for that particular error condition and the corrected total will become eligible for approval.

QUESTIONS OR ERRORS ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (BIDS)

All questions concerning the information in the proposal are to be directed to the KDHE Project Manager responsible for the site. If the Project Manager will be unavailable for an extended period of time, their supervisor or designated backup Project Manager is to be contacted.

If an error is discovered after the bid has been distributed, the KDHE Project Manager will provide written notice (fax, e-mail, and/or mail) to all consultants that received the request for proposal.

IMPROPER AND/OR INCOMPLETE PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

Submitted bids must be in duplicate and include:

1. Trust Fund approved Cover Sheet containing all the project and Trust Fund information as provided in the bid package and all the applicable consultant information.
2. Project Bid Proposal Sheets - The consultant's name must appear at the top of each proposal sheet in the designated place.
3. When a single bid package includes two (2) or more assessment sites, a completed Multiple Site Summary Sheet must accompany the proposal.

All proposals must be neatly printed, typed, or prepared on an electronic spreadsheet conforming to the approved Trust Fund format.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Sealed Bid". The correct Trust Fund bid number must be clearly marked on the envelope.

Proposals that do not meet these criteria will be disqualified. Consultants will be notified in writing if a proposal has been disqualified because it was an improper or incomplete submittal.

PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE BID CLOSING DEADLINE

Proposals from consultants must be received on or before the time and date of the bid-closing deadline. Late submittals will be disqualified and the consultants will be notified by letter of the same. The unopened submittals and supporting documentation that the submittal was not received by the deadline will remain on file with the Trust Fund Staff for a period of one year beyond the closing date for the bid.

1. If a bid is received after the deadline and the bid was sent via a delivery service that provides a tracking number, Trust Fund Staff will:
 - a. Contact the delivery service
 - b. Reference the tracking number, and document the actual delivery time and delivery date and the KDHE employee signing for delivery.
 - (1.) If the package was received by a KDHE representative prior to the deadline, the bid will be considered.
 - (2.) If the package was not received by a KDHE representative prior to the deadline, the bid will not be considered.
2. If a bid is received after the deadline and the bid was hand delivered or sent by a delivery service that does not provide a tracking number, the bid will not be considered.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Bids will be reviewed to ensure that line item costs are equitably distributed across all required tasks. Prices must accurately reflect the actual cost to complete each segment of the project because additional scopes of work may be required. To avoid the potential problem of vendors unfairly "loading" costs into certain categories to avoid cost proration, KDHE Trust Fund Bid proposals will be evaluated on a line item basis. KDHE will review individual line item rates with respect to bids from other vendors for the same project, and to historical costs.

An explanation of all higher or lower than normal line item costs must be included with the proposal. If an explanation is not submitted with the original bid, or the explanation is deemed to be inadequate, the bid may be rejected as unresponsive. The fact that previous bids may have been approved with unreasonable line item costs does not mean that future bids with similar costs will be approved.

The following procedure must be used in preparing the bid package:

1. If a line item unit rate is bid as zero (0) or is left blank, and the activity associated with that line item is required to complete the scope of work, either the consultant will be expected to perform that item at no cost (see Item 3) or the bid will be rejected as unresponsive.
2. The unit rate and line item total cost should be entered as "Included" (INC) if the unit cost for that line item is included in the rate for another line item. The line item in which it is included must be specified.
3. The unit rate and line item total cost should be entered as "NC" if it is proposed to perform the activity at no cost. "NC" will be taken to mean that the no charge rate will apply not only to the original scope of work, but will also apply to any additional scope of work within the geographic area.

KDHE reserves the right to approve or deny proposed rates and/or quantities on a line item basis. If deemed to be in the best interest of the O/O and the State, KDHE may propose reduced but reasonable (as determined by KDHE using the criteria above) costs for specific line items, and approve the revised total project cost. If the vendor is not willing to perform the task(s) at the reasonable rate, they may withdraw their bid. KDHE will not allow costs to be moved between line items to meet the reasonable cost requirement after the bid closing date.

In addition to the above described line item cost evaluation, proposals will be evaluated on: 1) the Vendor's total cost as submitted on the Project Bid Proposal Sheets; 2) experience; 3) expertise; and 4) past performance on KDHE Trust Fund Sites. The final determination of approved costs for the project will be in the best interest of the O/O and KDHE.

CONFLICTS OR AMBIGUITIES

Vendors shall notify KDHE immediately if conflicts or ambiguities are found in the Request for Proposal. Failure to do so prior to the specified closing date may result in these items being resolved in a manner deemed to be in the State's best interest as judged by the KDHE Storage Tank Staff.

REASONABLE RATES

Costs quoted or referenced in bid proposals must be reasonable and customary on a line item basis when compared with recently approved amounts for similar scopes of work. If the costs in the bid proposals are not reasonable and customary, an explanation of why KDHE should view the bid rate as reasonable must be included with the bid. This explanation could include bids or quotes from the vendor's subcontractors indicating the lower or higher than normal cost and why this rate is offered. Additionally, when one or more rates are not reasonable and customary, KDHE will compare the bid at maximum average and minimum levels of effort to insure that the best bid is approved. If adequate explanation is provided for the higher or lower than reasonable rate and excessive front loading is not apparent, the bid may be approved with the submitted rates. If a bid is submitted with rates that are not reasonable and customary without an explanation being included, the bid will be rejected.

QUESTIONS OR ERRORS ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (BIDS)

All questions concerning the information in the proposal are to be directed to the KDHE Project Manager responsible for the site. If the Project Manager is unavailable for an extended period of time, their supervisor or designated backup Project Manager is to be contacted.

If an error is discovered after the bid has been distributed, the KDHE Project Manager will provide written notice (fax, e-mail, and/or mail) to all consultants that received the request for proposal.

Cost Plus 10%

SRP - Section 5.1.4.

Costs for equipment not required in the remedial design will be reimbursed by the following guidelines: 1) the Vendor will obtain three bids for KDHE approval, 2) KDHE will reimburse lowest bid cost plus 10%, and 3) labor costs for installation will be reimbursed with prior approval in writing by KDHE.

This refers to material and labor not specified in the original RFP - such as changes in equipment/material or additional equipment/material.

The 10% is intended to compensate the vendor for their time and effort to obtain the additional material and should be considered to be an acquisition or labor charge - not material. KDHE will reimburse the vendor for the true cost of the material plus sales tax and will allow payment of an additional 10% of the invoiced material cost without sales tax. Sales tax is considered to be an automatic charge and a 10% additional cost on tax is therefore not justified for Trust Fund projects.

The vendor is to obtain three bids (refer to Section 8 – Page 1 of this manual, Adding Equipment to a Remedial System) and KDHE is the entity that is to approve the bid. If the vendor is unable to obtain three bids, they are to provide KDHE with documentation of their attempts to obtain the bids. At that time KDHE will determine if additional attempts are to be made or if the bids that were obtained are sufficient. If the vendor obtains the material without the bidding process and/or KDHE written approval, the vendor is not eligible for reimbursement. Copies of all bids are to be routed with the addscope during the approval process.

Unless there is a major change in the scope of work, all items of material and labor are part of the vendor's original bid and additional expenses will not be approved for them without justification. If a vendor forgets to include certain materials in their original bid submission, they are to absorb that expense. In some instances, the cost of these "forgotten" items is what allowed the vendor to get the job in the first place.

KANSAS LICENSED PROFESSIONAL

All reports received by KDHE must be stamped by a professional licensed in Kansas. The consultant's licensed professional will either be responsible for geological work, or directly supervise unlicensed field geologists and technicians performing geological work through the Trust Fund and/or L.U.S.T. programs. They will also be responsible for the preparation and certification of geological information in reports and on maps. Costs associated with reports that are not stamped by a Kansas licensed professional may be denied.

(Also refer to Kansas Statutes 74-7003 and 74-7041 and Articles 66-8-6, 66-9-6, and 66-11-4)

KANSAS RISK BASED CORRECTIVE ACTION (KRBCA) TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

The individual signing RBCA documents must have a certificate on file with Trust Fund staff verifying the completion of a RBCA program conducted by an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) certified trainer.

DUE DATE CHANGE

If a consultant has extenuating circumstances and they feel an extension of a due date is justified, they may submit a written request to the Trust Fund project manager for a new date. This request must state the reason for the extension and their proposed completion date. A committee of three Trust Fund staff members will review the request and a written approval or denial will be transmitted to the requesting consultant within two workdays of receiving the request.

PROPERTY ACCESS

The consultant is responsible for contacting all on-site and off-site property owners to obtain property access. Initial contact may be verbal, but written permission must be obtained from each owner of all property to be accessed.

For off-site access, the consultant should utilize city and utility easements when appropriate and necessary. Written permission to drill in city and utility easements must be obtained. Property owners may retain ownership of utility and other easements and must grant access in addition to the entity granted the easement. The consultant is responsible for researching the terms of the easement to see if the property owner's permission will be needed.

At least two written and two verbal attempts to obtain access should be made. The first should be made within two weeks and the second within three weeks of the contract being signed by all parties. If no response is received from the property owner within one week of the second contact, the KDHE Project Manager should be notified in writing. The written notification should include copies of the letters sent and records of verbal attempts such as phone records, field notes, etc.

If property access authorization is initially denied, the consultant must notify the KDHE Project Manager in writing. The project manager will determine if access to the relevant property appears to be required to achieve the investigation goals.

1. If the scope of work can be completed without the access and an alternate access is not needed, the consultant will be instructed to proceed with fieldwork.
2. If information available about the site is such that it is unclear if access will be needed (i.e., probable extent of contamination, general groundwater flow direction, etc. are unknown),

the consultant may be instructed to begin fieldwork to determine if access is vital to the investigation goals. If access is vital and no alternative sites are acceptable, KDHE will authorize costs to re-mobilize to the site to complete fieldwork once access is obtained (see Item 4).

3. If the scope of work can be completed without the access but requires that access to an alternative property be obtained, the consultant will be instructed to obtain access to the alternate property.

4. If the scope of work cannot be completed without the access, KDHE will either move to obtain access through legal action, or instruct the consultant to continue attempts to obtain access. If it is probable that access can be obtained without KDHE taking legal action, the consultant will remain responsible for obtaining access. Examples of situations in which the consultant will be expected to continue efforts are if the property owner is temporarily unavailable, or if the property is owned by a corporation or other entity that must await a scheduled board meeting to decide if access can be granted.

DUE DATE CONSIDERATIONS

If a consultant is unable to obtain written access and fails to notify the Project Manager, due dates will not be extended.

If the Project Manager is notified and determines that the consultant should continue attempts to obtain access, due dates may be extended for the time period that access is being sought.

If the Project Manager is notified and KDHE is attempting to obtain access, due dates may be extended for the time period that access is being sought.

If the consultant is unable to obtain access within thirty days of work plan approval, KDHE is to be notified.

SOIL AND WATER SAMPLING EXPENSE

The bid proposal for soil and water samples must include all costs associated with the collection and analysis of the samples, including equipment, supplies, purging, shipping, documentation lab work, reports, and any other expenses related to samples.

All samples are to be analyzed in accordance with the criteria provided in the bid package for the constituents outlined in the bid sheet.

This item is to be bid on a per sample basis. If additional samples are required, additional authorization and reimbursement will be on a per sample basis.

EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION

Proposed equipment substitutions must be denoted as such on the Project Bid Proposal Sheets. A section at the end of the Bid Proposal sheets is provided and must be completely filled out to be considered responsive. Stipulations outlined in Attachment J of the Request for Proposal (RFP) must be complied when substitutions are proposed.

Before a bid with substitutions is awarded, the Project Manager will discuss the proposed substitutions internally to determine if the proposed equipment meets the design specifications and stipulations outlined in Attachment J of the RFP. Approval from the original design engineer may be necessary to determine if the proposed equipment meets the design specifications. If the proposed equipment is approved, the low bid will be awarded with the proposed substitutions. If the equipment does not

meet the design specifications or stipulations, and is not approved, the vendor will have the opportunity to substitute equipment that does meet the design specifications at the original bid price, or withdraw from consideration.

Written approval for any additional equipment substitution must be obtained from the KDHE Project Manager in order to be reimbursed for that piece of equipment.

All remedial equipment installed at the site must be new and represent the most recent make of the equipment specified (or approved equivalent); the use of used or out of date equipment is not acceptable unless such equipment is supplied by the KDHE Project Manager from another KDHE project.

In circumstances where equipment substitutions are proposed as a result of an engineering review or for other reasons after the bids have been approved, the following procedure will be followed. If equipment substitutions are proposed which cause a substantial increase in the cost of the project, KDHE will review the original bids to insure that the current bidder's alternate proposal still represents the best value for the state.

1. Substitutions of equipment will not be granted unless it is in the best interest of the project as determined by the KDHE Technical Services Section.
2. If determined by KDHE that equipment substitution is in the best interest of the project, the following will be required by KDHE to gain permission for the equipment substitution:
 - a. the SRP consulting firm or Project Engineer requesting the substitution will be required to obtain three (3) bids from equipment suppliers for both the originally proposed system component (OPSC) and the proposed substitute (PS).
 - b. the lowest of the three bids for the OPSC will be compared to the line item bid in the SRP bid sheet to determine the maximum profit margin in percentage and dollars.

$$((\text{SRP bid cost} / \text{OPSC}) \times 100) - 100 = \text{maximum profit margin in percent}$$

$$\text{SRP bid cost} - \text{OPSC} = \text{maximum profit margin \$\$}$$

- c. the approved cost for the proposed substitute (PS) will be determined by the following method:

(1.) the lowest of the three bids for the PS plus 10% (or plus the **maximum profit margin in percent** (as calculated during step b), whichever is the lower markup).

If the PS plus the appropriate markup results in a profit margin in dollars greater than the **maximum profit margin in dollars** (as calculated in step b) then:

(2.) the approved cost will be calculated by adding the maximum profit margin in dollars (as calculated in step b) to the lowest of the three bids for the PS.

3. If a proposed equipment substitution is denied, it does not relieve the implementation consulting firm or Project Engineer of any responsibilities related to guarantees, maintenance, and operation of the remedial system(s).

ESTABLISH MONITOR RATES

If routine monitoring is required for the site, staff may approve an additional scope of work based on current reasonable rates. Consideration might also be given to rates submitted in previous bids. The following cost areas will be considered when awarding monitoring work.

1. Mobilization on a per/mile basis for vehicle expense and a per/hour basis for staff expense.
2. Staff time will be approved for development and sampling of the wells. This time allocation will be based on the number of wells, well depth and diameter.
3. Per diem if justified by number of wells or sites in the area and the proximity of consultant's offices.
4. Analytical cost will be approved not to exceed reasonable costs based on current prices and not to exceed prices quoted in the previous bid.
5. Report cost will be determined based on the size of the monitoring scope.

If the owner/operator is not able to employ a consultant who will perform the monitoring scope for the approved amount, monitoring bids will need to be obtained for the site.

APPLICANT SEEKS REIMBURSEMENT

If the applicant desires to pay the consultant and seek reimbursement from KDHE, they must submit two copies of the canceled check (front and back) as proof of payment. These copies are to be included with the two copies of the RFR and vendor invoices.

CO-PAY METHOD

Reimbursements may be paid jointly to the owner/operator and consultant. The co-payee (company name of the consultant contracted to perform the work) must be designated in Section 1, Item E of the Request for Reimbursement Form (RFR).

ATTORNEY IN FACT

Many of the consultants performing Trust Fund work have realized benefit from having Attorney in Fact agreements (limited power of attorney) with their clients (owner/operators). This agreement provides the consultant with the limited authority to submit request reimbursement forms on behalf of the owner/operator and redeem co-pay reimbursements checks on behalf of the owner/operator. The benefits are primarily two fold: 1. Faster turn around on accounts receivable, and 2. Fewer incidences of lost reimbursement checks.

Some Attorney in Fact agreements have been incorporated into the consultant's contract with their clients; others have taken the form of an addendum to an existing contract. When the agreement is an addendum, or separate document, it must be site specific and contain the following information:

1. KDHE Project Name
2. KDHE Project Code
3. Site address

(Attachment 2 is a sample Attorney in Fact)

KDHE will not process Request for Reimbursement forms that the consultant has completed as Attorney without having a signed copy of the agreement on file. The request forms must bear the original signature of the consultant's representative who is authorized to sign on behalf of their client.

RFR RECEIVED PRIOR TO WORK OR SERVICE PERFORMED

Neither the owner/operator nor the consultant will be eligible for any reimbursements unless the work has actually been done. If the charge is for a Work Plan or other document, reimbursement will not be considered until the Project Manager has received copies of the appropriate documents.

IMPROPER INVOICE FORMAT

Invoices must be in the same format as the approved bid proposal. If invoices are not in the same format, they will be returned to the owner/operator with an explanatory letter. A copy of the letter will be sent to the consultant.

It will be the owner/operator's responsibility to contact the consultant in a timely manner and obtain an invoice in the correct format.

In cases where the reimbursement request involves co-payment and the owner/operator does not return the reimbursement request with a corrected invoice to KDHE within 30 days, the owner/operator is responsible for paying the consultant immediately. The owner/operator will be required to submit copies of their canceled check with their request for reimbursement.

RELEASE OF % WITHHELD

The KDHE Project Manager is to review the Final Report and submit written comments to the consultant within sixty (60) calendar days from the stamped receipt date.

If the Project Manager approves the Final Report, any percent withheld will be released. If revisions to the report are required, written comments will be submitted to the consultant.

If the Project Manager fails to review the Final Report and approve it or provide written comments within sixty (60) calendar days from the stamped receipt date of the report, the Project Manager is to authorize the release of any percent withheld.

LOST CHECKS

KDHE will assist the owner/operator and/or the consultant if a check is lost.

Upon determining that a check has not been received in a reasonable time, the owner/operator or the consultant should contact KDHE.

KDHE staff will query the State Treasurer's web site to see if the check has been redeemed.

If it has not been redeemed, KDHE staff will wait 45 calendar days from the date the check was written before canceling the old check and issuing a new one.

If the check has been redeemed, KDHE staff will request a copy of the canceled check from the Business Office.

If it is determined that the check was redeemed by the owner/operator, then KDHE staff will send a copy of the redeemed check to them and notify them that the consultant must be paid immediately.

If it is determined that the check was redeemed by the consultant, then KDHE staff will send a copy of the redeemed check to them and the owner/operator.

MONITORING INVOICES

KDHE will not reimburse costs for sampling events unless the owner/operator and the Trust Fund Project Manager have received reports for the sampling events.

The request for reimbursement and supporting invoices must include all charges for the sampling event (i.e.: mobilization, man hours, sampling & analytical, waste handling & treatment, report preparation, etc.). Partial requests will not be processed.

Invoices must be in the approved Trust Fund format, and must indicate the sampling period and the actual date the sampling was conducted.

All requests for reimbursement, invoices, and additional documentation as required must be submitted in duplicate.

The request for reimbursement form must be signed and dated by the owner/operator.

The maximum man-hours approved for a sampling event will be pro-rated by the actual work completed (i.e.: 100% of wells sampled = 100% of man hours; 80% of wells sampled = 80% of man hours).

Costs associated with report preparation will be denied if the report is received one to thirty days late. All costs associated with an event will be denied if the report is received more than thirty days late.

APPLICANT FAILS TO SIGN THE CONSENT AGREEMENT

To be eligible for Trust Fund reimbursement, the owner/operator must sign a consent agreement. If the owner/operator fails to sign the consent agreement, the KDHE Legal Staff will send a letter to the owner/operator notifying them:

1. that a copy of the Consent Agreement was sent to them on a given date,
2. that KDHE has not received a signed copy of the consent agreement,
3. that if a copy of the consent agreement is not received by a certain date, it will be understood that the owner/operator has withdrawn their application to the Trust Fund,
4. that they will be responsible to submit a remediation plan to their District Office and that the expenses associated with the implementation of the plan will not be eligible for reimbursement from the Trust Fund,
5. that if they do not implement the approved remediation plan, the site will be turned over to a Federal program for remedial action, and
6. that action will be initiated to recover from them all costs reimbursed to them by the Trust Fund.

APPLICANT FAILS TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT

The owner/operator must sign a contract with a qualified consultant within four weeks of the bid amount being approved. If an extension needs to be obtained, the owner/operator should make a verbal or written request to the Contractual Unit Supervisor. Failure to sign a contract in a timely manner can result in the owner/operator forfeiting their eligibility for reimbursement from the Trust Fund. Even though the owner/operator has a responsibility under the Consent Agreement, the contracting consultant has a responsibility to contact the owner/operator and send the contract to them in a timely manner.

If the owner/operator fails to sign a contract with a consultant within the four weeks allowed, the Trust Fund Staff will send a certified letter to the owner/operator notifying them:

1. that the Petroleum Storage Tank Release Trust Fund approved a certain amount of money for the scope of work outlined in the appropriate bid number,
2. that an approved consultant submitted the amount,
3. that their approval letter stated they had two weeks to sign a contract with a qualified consultant,
4. that if they fail to comply with the provisions outlined in the Consent Agreement and/or fail to follow the schedule described in the approval letter, it will be our understanding that they have withdrawn their application from the Trust Fund,
5. that if they withdraw, their site will be turned over to the Federal Leaking Underground Storage Tank program for remediation. Under this program, action will be initiated to recover all costs expended by that program for remedial activity at their site.

NON-PAYMENT OF DEDUCTIBLE BY APPLICANT

The owner/operator is responsible for meeting their deductible under the conditions of the Trust Fund Consent Agreement (CA). Failure to pay the deductible costs will be treated as follows:

1. Consultants should notify KDHE that the owner/operator has not paid their deductible. The Trust Fund Staff will request the consultant's phone log and a copy of their correspondence with the Owner/operator to determine if the consultant has taken reasonable steps to receive payment.
2. The Trust Fund Staff will contact the owner/operator informing them of their responsibility concerning the deductible. Per the Consent Agreement, the owner/operator is responsible for the first expenses up to and including their deductible amount. The deductible will be applied to the first RFR(s) received for processing, even if there are previous eligible expenses.
3. If the owner/operator does not pay the deductible within 30 days of contact, a certified letter will be sent to the owner/operator. Payment or payment arrangements must be made with the consultant within 30 days of the letter receipt date.
4. Thirty days after the letter receipt date in Item 3, the Trust Fund Staff will contact the consultant to determine payment status.
5. If the amount has not been paid, or satisfactory arrangements have not been made, the KDHE Legal Staff will send a certified letter to the owner/operator advising them that the owner/operator is in violation of their Consent Agreement and will be considered to have withdrawn their application to the Trust Fund. KDHE will initiate cost recovery action and seek enforcement action to ensure the remediation is completed.

NON-PAYMENT OF INVOICE (S) BY APPLICANT

Applicants are responsible for payment of consultants. Failure to do so will result in the applicant bearing the full financial responsibility for remediating the site. When KDHE is notified that an applicant has failed to pay an invoice, the following steps will be taken:

1. Upon notification from the consultant that the owner/operator has not forwarded the KDHE warrant, Trust Fund Staff will determine if the consultant has taken reasonable steps to receive payment.
2. Trust Fund Staff will attempt to call the owner/operator and inform them of their responsibility concerning paying the invoice(s) in a timely manner. If the owner/operator cannot be reached by telephone, a letter will be sent to them explaining their responsibility.
3. If the owner/operator does not pay the amount due within 10 days of the phone call or 14 days after the mailing of the letter, Trust Fund Staff will send a certified letter to the owner/operator.
4. Ten days after the letter date in Item 3, Trust Fund Staff will contact the consultant to determine payment status.
5. If the amount due is not paid within the ten days, KDHE Legal Staff will send a certified letter to the owner/operator advising them that the owner/operator is in violation of the Consent Agreement and will be considered to have withdrawn their application to the Trust Fund. KDHE will initiate cost recovery action and seek enforcement action to ensure the remediation is completed.

APPLICANT DOES NOT SUBMIT RFR IN A TIMELY MANNER

Applicants must submit Request for Reimbursements (RFR) in a timely manner. Consultants will notify KDHE if owner/operators have not forwarded RFRs for remediation. Upon receipt of such notification KDHE will send a letter to the owner/operator informing them that:

- 1) KDHE has been notified by the consultant that an invoice or invoices have not been paid or forwarded by the owner/operator
- 2) any and all invoices submitted by the consultant must be paid by the owner/operator OR forwarded to KDHE for processing within 7 calendar days of receiving the invoices
- 3) the owner/operator must either pay the consultant immediately and request reimbursement from KDHE, or forward the invoice(s) with the request for reimbursement to KDHE for processing.

If the owner/operator fails to submit all invoices within 7 calendar days of receiving the invoices, they will no longer be permitted to request co-payment of invoices. They will then be required to pay the consultant for all future invoices and will need to submit copies of canceled checks when they request reimbursement from KDHE.

APPLICANT DEPOSITS A CO-PAY CHECK

Consultants must notify KDHE if they have reason to believe that the owner/operator has deposited co-pay check; resulting in the consultant not receiving payment in a timely manner. Upon notification, KDHE staff will check with the Business Office to see if the co-pay check was indeed deposited.

If it was deposited, KDHE will send a letter to the owner/operator notifying them to send a check to the consultant within seven calendar days. If the owner/operator does not send a check to the consultant within the seven days, KDHE will forward the information to the KDHE Legal Office for further action.

APPLICANT DOES NOT FORWARD A CO-PAY CHECK

The owner/operator must forward co-pay checks to the consultant in a timely manner. If consultants have reason to believe that a check has not been forwarded, the consultants must notify KDHE.

Once KDHE has received notification, the Trust Fund Staff shall contact the owner/operator to find out what happened to the check.

If the owner/operator has inadvertently neglected to forward the check to the consultant, KDHE will advise them to do so immediately.

If the owner/operator has lost the check, KDHE will refer to the procedure for dealing with lost checks.

If the owner/operator has deposited the co-pay check and it has been cashed or credited to their account, KDHE will notify the owner/operator that they must send a check in the amount of the KDHE check to the consultant immediately.

If the owner/operator does not send a check to the consultant within seven calendar days of the notification, the Trust Fund Staff will forward the information to the KDHE Legal Office for further action.

SECTION 7

RECOVERY OF FUNDS

CONSULTANT PAID - WORK INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT

Consultants are expected to complete all work in a professional manner. If after review of the Final Report, the Project Manager determines it inadequate, the consultant will have thirty (30) calendar days from the mailing date of the written comments to correct the deficiencies. If the deficiencies are not corrected within 30 calendar days, the original line item costs of those items will be subtracted from the percentage withheld.

If several discrepancies exist and the costs associated with them exceed the percentage withheld, KDHE will contact the consultant and request reimbursement of those costs. Reimbursement will be sent to KDHE (in the case of co-payments) or the owner/operator.

In the case of co-payments, if the consultant refuses to reimburse KDHE, the owner/operator will be requested to make the reimbursement.

If the owner/operator does not reimburse KDHE, they will be considered in violation of the consent agreement.

Violation of the consent agreement by the owner/operator will result in withdrawal from the Trust Fund. KDHE will initiate legal action for cost recovery from the owner/operator.

NON-PAYMENT OF SUB-CONTRACTORS AND OR MATERIAL VENDORS

A Release of Liens (or a Notarized Affidavits of Payment) from all sub-contractors and major equipment suppliers is to be provided to the KDHE before payment is made for related services or materials. If payment has been made to the contractor and the KDHE receives notice from the sub-contractor/vendor that they have not been paid, the consultant will be required to immediately make payment or reimburse the KDHE for that amount. They also can be considered ineligible to participate in Trust Fund projects.

SECTION 8

OTHER APPROVALS ADDING EQUIPMENT TO A REMEDIAL SYSTEM

When additional equipment for a remedial system is necessary, the following cost ranges will be used to determine the documentation requirements:

1. If the equipment unit cost will be greater than \$1,000, three written bids from various equipment vendors for the equipment will be required. All bidders are to bid on identical make and model of equipment.
2. If the equipment unit cost is between \$500 and \$1,000, three phone bids from various equipment vendors for the equipment will be required. All bidders are to bid on identical make and model of equipment.
3. If the equipment cost is less than \$500, the equipment can be approved by Trust Fund Staff without a bid process.

ADDING A SITE TO AN EXISTING SCOPE OF WORK

Sites may be added to approved scopes of work plans if KDHE determines an adjacent site should be worked (investigated/assessed/remediated) in conjunction with the original approved site.

When KDHE determines it is in the best interest of the citizens of Kansas to perform the scopes of work plans together, the Project Manager will contact the owner/operator of the adjacent site(s) and initiate action to:

- 1) verify that the owner/operator has an approved application to the Trust Fund.
- 2) determine if the consultant that contracted for the original investigation is willing to perform the additional scope of work for the original bid line item rates.
- 3) ensure the owner/operator is willing to have their site worked with the original site.
- 4) request that the owner/operator enter into a ¹Bid Assistance Modification agreement.
- 5) develop and obtain approval of a scope of work using rates established for the original site.
- 6) arrange for the consultant contracted to perform the original scope of work to enter into a contract with the owner/operator of the adjacent property.

¹ The Bid Assistance Modification agreement (Attachment 1) indicates that the owner/operator is aware that they have the option to hire the qualified consultant of their choice, but chose to enter into a contract with the aforementioned consultant performing the scope of work at the original site. This may be done without the adjacent site(s) going through the normal bidding process, as competitive bids have already been obtained for the original site.

ADVANCE APPROVAL OF SOIL REMOVAL

At times, it may be in the best interest of KDHE to have contaminated soil removed from a tank excavation at the time the tank is being removed. In most instances, this will be before the owner/operator has applied to the Trust Fund.

In these cases, the KDHE District representative can contact the Contractual Services Unit Chief and obtain advance approval for specified work. The KDHE district representative will be present during soil removal and determine the volume that should be removed. Costs for removal of any soil beyond the amount removed under the direction of the KDHE district representative will not be applied towards the owners/operator's deductible. All pre-approved expenses will be applied toward the owner/operator's deductible when application is made to the Trust Fund.

OTHER APPROVALS

REMEDiation BY SOIL REMOVAL AND TREATMENT (RSRT) ("DIGOUT")

Qualified sites may be remediated through the Trust Fund without going through the normal preliminary investigation, monitoring, design and implementation stages if the quantity of contaminated soil is small. The Remediation by Soil Removal and Treatment (RSRT) policy allows for the transfer of contaminated soil to landfills as a remedial alternative for treatment of small quantities of soil. Other options include - but are not limited to - land farming, heat treatment, and bio-treatment.

The site clean up will be performed under a formal Trust Fund bid approval process and will be under the oversight of Trust Fund Staff. In general, the site activities will include soil removal, transportation to a treatment facility, soil replacement, compaction, replacement of concrete or asphalt (resulting from remediation), treatment of soil to within the acceptable petroleum clean-up guideline limits, and site restoration (grading, reseeding, structure replacement, etc.)

Guidelines for RSRT are outlined below:

1. KDHE District Staff evaluate the site through a leak investigation or a closure assessment. During the assessment, district staff determines if remediation is possible through a soil removal and treatment process.
2. The vertical and horizontal extent of contamination should be limited and well defined.
3. Groundwater cannot be contaminated.
4. The funds dedicated for this method of remediation should not exceed the average cost of a site assessment and monitoring (currently \$25,000). If the initial anticipated cost is greater than \$25,000, and the tank owner/operator wishes to pay all cost in excess of \$25,000, the site may still be considered for RSRT.

If it becomes apparent after work has started that the site cannot be remediated within the \$25,000 level, the contractor **must be informed** that all work stops before the approved amount is exceeded. Trust Fund Staff will review the available information to determine the next step(s).

Possible choices are: (a) continue the work with the applicant responsible for all expenses over \$25,000, (b) cease work before incurring \$25,000 in expenses and allow the site to follow the normal Trust Fund route, (c) cease work and evaluate the site based upon any existing risk based assessment policy, or (d) continue the work with reimbursement from the Trust Fund even though the \$25,000 level will be exceeded, only if sufficient risk is present to justify the expenditures.

The maximum approved amount of \$25,000 includes the owner/operator's deductible (which averages between \$4,500 and \$6,000), not the \$25,000 plus the deductible.

5. Submission of a minimum of three bids and pre-approval of costs in writing by the Trust Fund Staff is required. Bids are to be on the company's letterhead and may be faxed to the Topeka office (785-296-6190) for a rapid approval. The work activity is to be bid based upon units (such as cubic yards or tons) and rate per unit. Hours are not valid units for this procedure. Trust Fund staff determines if the unit rates are reasonable and if the technology is acceptable (land filling will generally not be approved). Incomplete bids will not be considered and will be returned to the owner/operator. To minimize the time involved in

receiving bids, a bidding deadline may be assigned to the bid package. All deadlines must be met in order for a contractor to be considered for the proposed site activities.

6. The removal actions must significantly reduce potential health or environmental risks or project cost.

7. District Staff must make the recommendation to Trust Fund Staff that the site be considered for the procedure. District Staff and Trust Fund Staff must approve the proposed scope of work.

8. The proposed scope of work and all bids must be reviewed by Trust Fund staff. A maximum number of units and unit rates will be approved by Trust Fund Staff based upon the lowest bid. If all bid rates are higher than customary, Trust Fund Staff can establish and approve reasonable rates based upon data gleaned from similar projects. Only items approved by the Trust Fund Staff in advance, and in writing, will be eligible for reimbursement.

9. The tank owner/operator must have an approved application to the appropriate Trust Fund. A notarized Interim Payment Agreement must accompany the Trust Fund application.

10. A deductible amount shall be established for the site based upon the Trust Fund's standard \$3,000 base and an additional \$500 per tank. Applicants are responsible for the first portion of remedial expense based upon this deductible amount. Owner/operators must provide proof that the deductible amount has been paid. This proof will be a copy of the front and back of the canceled check(s). If the owner/operator fails to pay their deductible amount, they will be in violation of Trust Fund agreements and all expenses previously reimbursed by KDHE will be recovered from the owner/operator.

11. Applicants enter into contracts with the contractor(s) before work begins. Both parties must sign the contract.

12. Applicants and contractors will be liable for all activities associated with the project.

13. Applicants must enter into a formal Consent Agreement with KDHE. This Consent Agreement will be forwarded to the owner/operator after their application to the Trust Fund has been approved.

14. All reimbursement requests must be submitted to the Trust Fund Staff no later than 60 days after the completion of the project.

15. Only expenses associated with remedial activities are eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement excludes costs associated with removal, replacement or retrofitting of petroleum storage tanks or any other costs incurred during the project that are not specifically included in the bid document(s) or pre-approved in writing by Trust Fund Staff.

16. Any changes to the approved project must be submitted in writing and approved by Trust Fund Staff before the work is executed.

17. Contractors are under contract to the Trust Fund applicant who is responsible for all costs incurred in completing the project.

18. It is the responsibility of the contractor(s) to secure the site to protect the public from

danger.

19. If remediation cannot be completed such that the site can be closed according to KDHE criteria and the owner elects not to continue the work at their own expense, the site will be placed back into the normal UST fund procedure. The owner will be eligible for reimbursement of authorized expenses and will not incur additional deductible expenses.

INFORMATION REQUEST

Requests from the general public to review Trust Fund records are to be submitted in accordance with the instructions located at the Storage Tank Section web page - kdhe.state.ks.us/tanks/ "Public Requests for Information" - or by calling (785) 296-1678.

BID PACKAGES - BID ASSIST

The requestor is to submit a written request for the bid package(s). Whenever possible, the bid list notice should be used as a media for making a request. If not, the request must be on the requestor's company letterhead and include the Trust Fund Bid Number, the requestor's company name, the requestor's printed name, the requestor's signature, their phone number, and the mailing address. If payment for the bid package(s) is not included with the request, payment for the bid package(s) is to be made upon receipt of the invoice. The price per bid package is stated on the Trust Fund BID LIST notice.

BID PACKAGES - NO BID ASSIST

All requests for bid packages are to be directed to the Owner/Operator associated with the package.

BID RESULTS

If the requestor is considered an active bidder, a written request is to be submitted to Trust Fund Staff. For this purpose, an active bidder is a consultant that submitted a bid proposal for the subject bid, requested the bid package, or has submitted bid proposals in the past. (Consultants desiring to bid on Trust Fund projects for the first time should contact the Contractual Unit Supervisor to obtain bid results.) The request must include the Trust Fund Bid Number, the requestor's company name, the requestor's printed name, the requestor's signature, their phone number, and mailing address. The requested information will not be released until after the Bid Approval letters have been mailed.

If the requestor is not considered an active bidder, a "Request of Aboveground/Underground Storage Tank Program Information" form is submitted to Trust Fund Staff. Trust Fund Staff and /or Legal Staff will review the request to determine if the requestor's right of access is valid. If the request is approved, the information will be provided to the requestor. If the request is denied, the request will be returned stating the reason for the denial.

ATTACHMENT 1

UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK RELEASE TRUST FUND

BID ASSISTANCE MODIFICATION FORM

Facility Name:
Facility Address:
KDHE Project Code:
Facility Contact Person:

I understand that KDHE is in the process of investigating an Underground Fund site adjacent to the above referenced facility. KDHE is requesting to conduct the investigatory work to be performed at the above facility in conjunction with the adjacent site.

As the owner/operator of the above facility, I understand that I have the option to hire the consultant of my choice to perform the required site investigation at my facility; however, I intend to hire the same consultant who is investigating the adjacent facility so that a concurrent investigation can be conducted. KDHE is hereby authorized to combine investigatory and corrective action plans necessary to address contamination detected at the above facility with the same work being performed at the adjacent Underground Fund facility. This authorization is granted with the understanding that charges assessed to perform the investigatory work will be consistent with that bid by the consultant for the adjacent facility. The standard bidding procedure for Underground Fund sites will not be utilized for the above facility.

Print
Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return completed form within two weeks -- Thank You

My appointment expires: